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December 18, 2003

James C. Bates, REP
STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL & BATES, L.L.P.
318 St. Charles Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: EMERGENCY REQUEST OF December 17, 2003
SAND(s): 8,600' ZONE, RESERVOIR A
FIELD: CHANDELEUR SOUND BLOCK 73 FIELD
PARISH: St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana
APPLICANT: YUMA EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC.

Dear Mr. Bates:

Because of the reason set forth in your emergency request letter, it has been determined that undue hardship would be caused by the 20-day delay prescribed in Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, effective October 11, 1983. You are therefore permitted to immediately file your application in compliance with Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Yours truly,

JAMES H. WELSH
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

BY: _____

John R. Aldridge, Director
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December 17, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: 8,600' Zone, Reservoir A
Chandeleur Sound Block 73 Field
St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

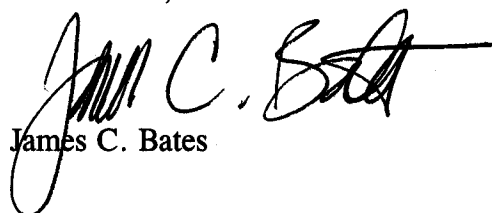
Yuma Exploration and Production Company, Inc. ("Yuma"), is the lessee of considerable acreage in the subject field, including the acreage highlighted in yellow on the attached plat.

Yuma intends to immediately apply for a public hearing to force pool and unitize in the subject area. However, because the leases colored in yellow on the attached plat expire February 29, 2004, the pre-application requirements of LAC 43:XIX.3907 (Rule 3) of the Revised Rules of Procedure would cause undue hardship to the applicant.

Therefore, Yuma respectfully requests that you waive the pre-application requirements of LAC 43:XIX.3907 (Rule 3) and allow it to tender application immediately under LAC 43:XIX.3917 (Rule 8) of the Revised Rules of Procedure.

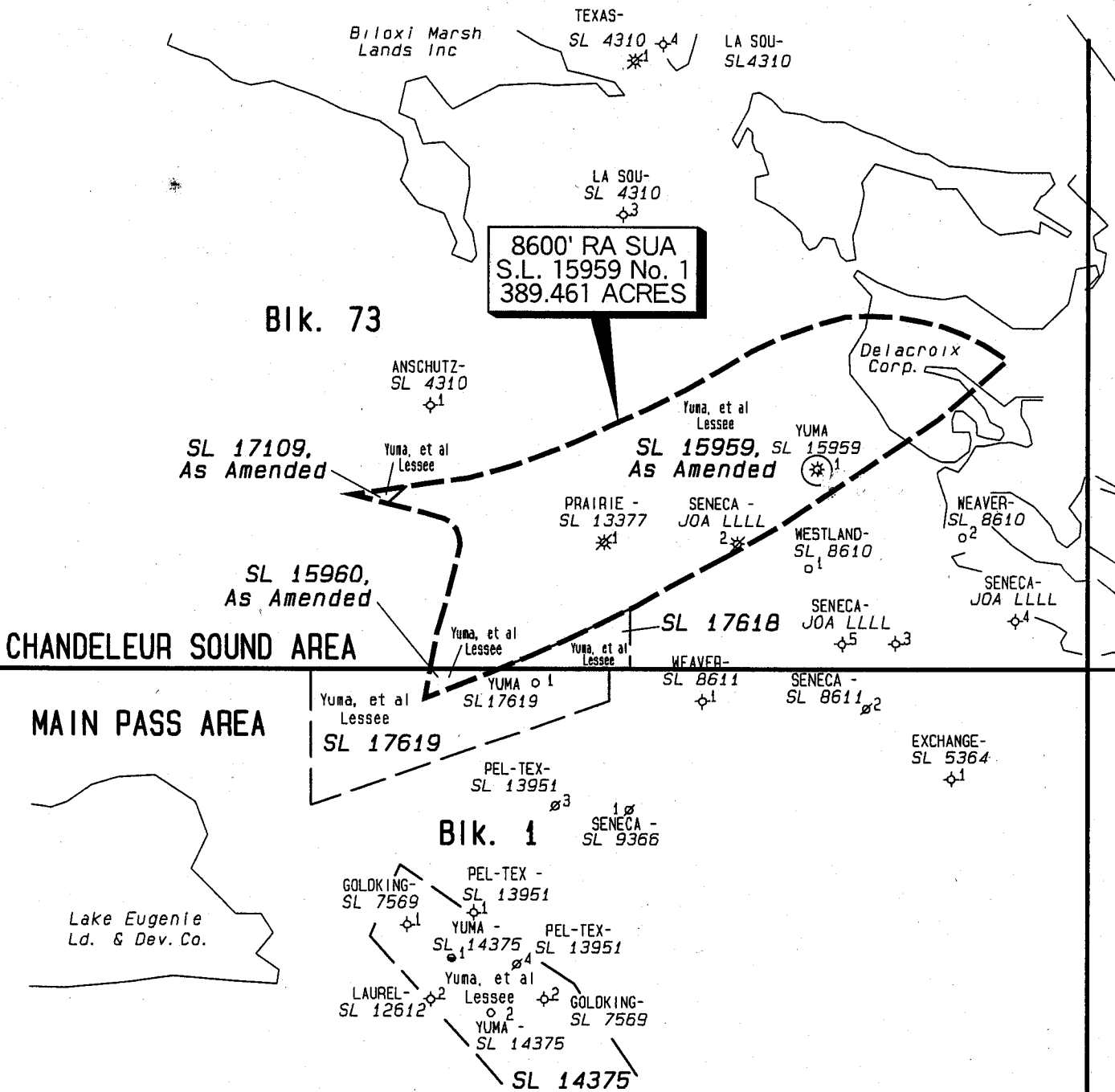
Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL
& BATES, L.L.P.



James C. Bates

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NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC
AND COINCIDENT WITH ORDER 821-A-3

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO.

YUMA E & P COMPANY, INC.

CHANDELEUR SOUND BLOCK 73 FIELD
ST. BERNARD PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT
8600' ZONE

Geology by: David Comeaux

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Post Office Box 94275
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Re: 8,600' Zone, Reservoir A
Chandeleur Sound Block 73 Field
St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Yuma Exploration and Production Company, Inc. ("Yuma") to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing after legal notice to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relative to the 8,600' Zone, Reservoir A, Chandeleur Sound Block 73 Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 8,600' Zone, Reservoir A;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the 8,600' Zone, Reservoir A, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acre basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit well and unit operator for the unit so created;

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5. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by Supplemental Order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation; and

6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the 8,600' Zone, Reservoir A.

The 8,600' Zone, Reservoir A is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 8,600 feet and 8,850 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Yuma E & P Company, Inc. - SL 15959 No. 1 Well located in Chandeleur Sound, Block 73, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with LAC 43:XIX.3917 (Rule 8) of the Revised Rules of Procedure, the Office of Conservation has waived the pre-application notice requirements and LAC 43:XIX.3907 (Rule 3) shall not apply.

A pre-hearing conference to discuss this application and any opposition thereto is scheduled for January 8, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. at the office of Strain, Dennis, Mayhall & Bates, L.L.P., 318 St. Charles St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802.

There is no requirement for the persons receiving this notice to attend or be represented at this conference. This is merely an invitation to all known interested parties to attend the conference should they so desire.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plats in a prominent place in the area of Chandeleur Sound Block 73 Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Chandeleur Sound Block 73 Field, at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this unit proposal may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Leon Comeaux & Associates, 305 La Rue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, (337) 233-9839.

A plat outlining the proposed unit for the 8,600' Zone, RA SUA Chandeleur Sound Block 73 Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana is attached hereto. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager is a list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon

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request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL
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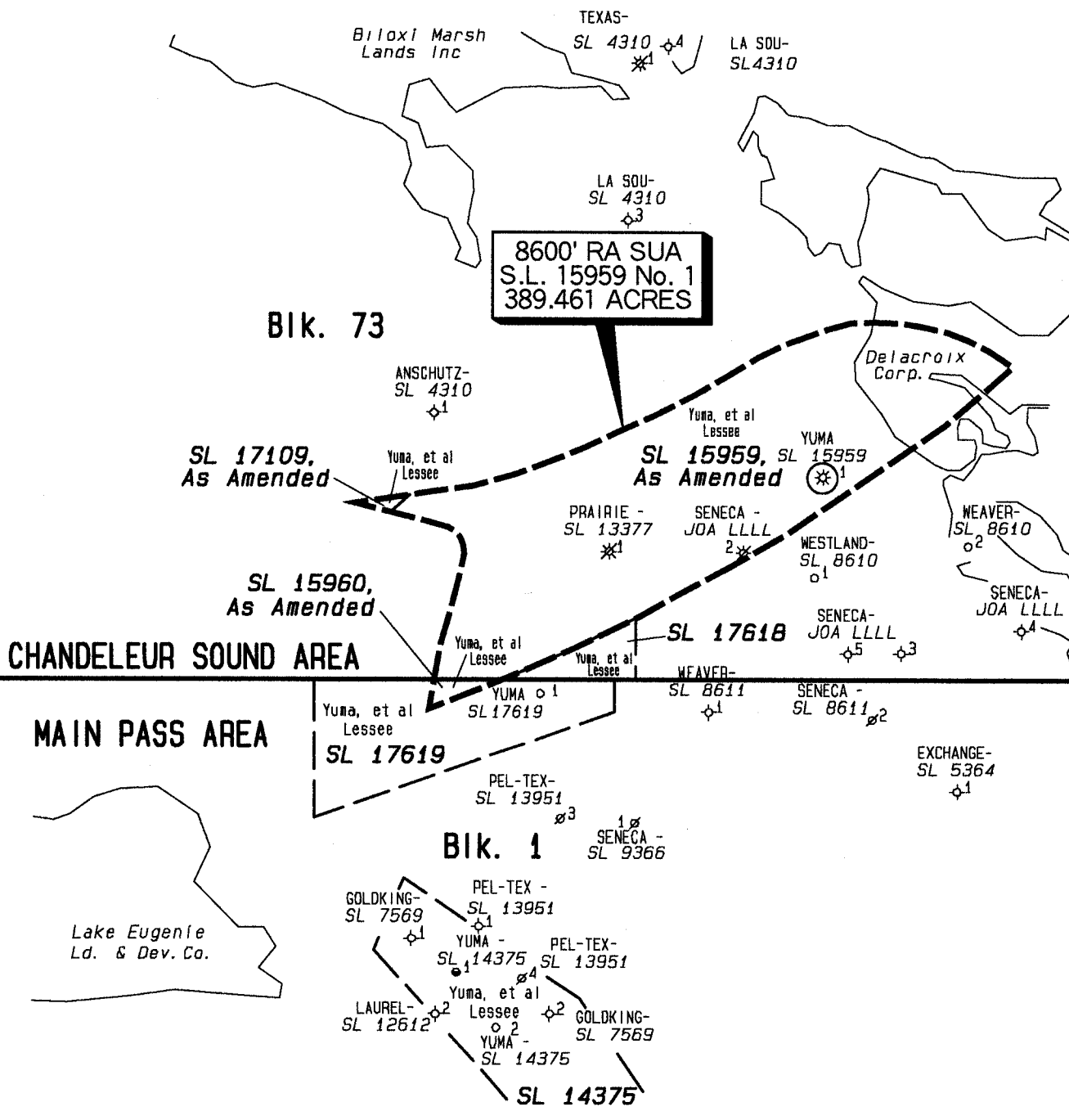


James C. Bates

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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager
Lafayette, Louisiana

Interested Owners
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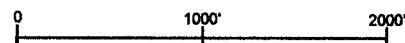
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